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**Spotlight:
Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall
at Horse Park July 9-12**

Mementos placed at wall to be collected by KY Historical Society

If you haven't seen the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., then in its own right the Traveling Wall is a moving tribute to those who served and died in the Vietnam War. The Wall is an 80-percent scale model of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. and stands 8 feet high and 360 feet long.

The Wall will be open to the public at the Kentucky Horse Park beginning at noon Thursday, July 9, and stay open 24 hours a day through 3 p.m. Sunday, July 12. The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Friday, July 10 and Governor Steve Beshear will participate.

The Wall provides an electronic locator to help visitors find the names of particular service members carved in the wall and visitors are encouraged to leave photographs, flowers or other mementos to loved ones.

Mementos left at the Traveling Vietnam Wall may end up in a collection displayed at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

Staff of the Historical Society will collect the mementos when the Traveling Vietnam Wall closes at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 12. They will then determine which mementos are most appropriate for potential display and collection.

"We are confident that the mementos Kentucky veterans, survivors, family and friends leave at the Traveling Wall will well represent the experiences of Kentuckians during the Vietnam War," said Commissioner Heather French Henry of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA).



The Traveling Wall's visit to the Kentucky Horse Park is sponsored by KDVA, through a grant from the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund. Visitors to the Traveling Wall will be able to enter the Horse Park and park free of charge.

KDVA asks that everyone attending this special showing of the Memorial Wall respect the request of the Wall's sponsors to not bring weapons when they visit.

A total of 1,109 Kentuckians died in the Vietnam War. In addition to appearing on the Traveling Wall, their names are inscribed at the permanent memorial in Frankfort, where a shadow falls on each veteran's name on the anniversary of death.

There are approximately 118,000 Vietnam veterans living in the Commonwealth, and many continue to serve their communities and fellow veterans through volunteerism, counseling and camaraderie.

This year, Gov. Beshear proclaimed March 30, 2015, as Vietnam Veterans' Day in Kentucky, as part of Kentucky's partnership in the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration. Last September, more than 500 veterans, family and friends commemorated that anniversary in a ceremony at the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Frankfort.

Gov. Beshear's administration has worked hard to show support and appreciation for veterans and military families, in ways large and small.

For example, Gov. Beshear, state and federal officials this year announced the launch of telemental health services out of the Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, part of an effort to expand mental health services to veterans in western Kentucky. KDVA is also in the process of building a fourth state veterans nursing home, in Radcliff. Construction began in July 2013; the facility is scheduled to open around the end of this year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Spousal Insurance Benefit Update

Based on the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) is extending eligibility for spousal coverage.

Effective July 1, 2015, Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) will provide a special enrollment for persons who are of the same-sex and in a marriage that is lawfully licensed.



Enrolling During Special Enrollment Period:

- 60 day Special Enrollment Period (July 1-August 31, 2015);
- Enrollment is allowed for employees currently covered under the KEHP who have a same-sex spouse in a marriage not previously recognized by Kentucky and which is lawfully licensed;
- Dependents of the same-sex spouse may be added to the employee's KEHP plan;
- All standard KEHP plan rules will apply to newly eligible spouses and dependents;
- Coverage will be effective the first day of the month following the signature date on the application (e.g., application signature date July 11, 2015 – coverage effective August 1, 2015);
- Verifying documentation must include the following:
 - ~ Spouse – legible photocopy of the marriage certificate
 - ~ Dependent – legible photocopy of a birth certificate showing the name of the employee's spouse as a parent; legible photocopy of any court order, guardianship documents or affidavits of dependency, with the presiding judge's signature and filed status; a legible adoption or legal placement decree/order with the presiding judge's signature.

Ongoing Rules After Special Enrollment Period:

- After the initial special enrollment period, KEHP's general qualifying event schedule will apply and employees will be required to add their spouse to the plan within 35 calendar days from the date of the marriage.
- These same rules apply to all newly hired/eligible employees.
- Spouses may also be added during open enrollment.

For questions you can contact the Enrollment Information Branch at 502-564-1205 or 888-581-8834. The Finance Cabinet HR contact is John Morris. You can contact him at john.morris@ky.gov or 502-564-4520.

Celebrate the 4th of July at a Kentucky State Park

Events planned at parks throughout the state

Get your red, white and blue on at Kentucky State Parks this July! Enjoy Fourth of July activities at a Kentucky State Park this year. Events include fireworks displays, picnics, entertainment and more.

Some parks are having weekend events, while others are hosting events earlier in the week. Kentucky State Parks have lodges, cottages, restaurants, campgrounds, historic sites, marinas, golf courses, hiking trails, fishing and many more recreational activities.

To make lodging or camping reservations or to learn more about Kentucky State Parks and events, visit www.parks.ky.gov

Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas
Fireworks on July 4

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn
Celebrate Independence Day Weekend, July 3-5

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Corbin
Laser Light Show July 3

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg
Fourth of July Weekend, July 3-5

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Gilbertsville
July 4th Celebration

Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz
3rd of July Celebration

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Jamestown
Independence Day Celebration July 3-5

Levi Jackson State Park, London
Holiday Celebration July 3-4

Paintsville Lake State Park, Paintsville
Holiday Weekend Fun

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, Dawson Springs
Independence Day Celebration July 4-5

Rough River Dam State Resort Park, Falls of Rough
Rumble over Rough River, July 4

Taylorsville Lake State Park, Taylorsville
July 3rd Fireworks





2015 KECC GOLF SCRAMBLE



Sponsored by the Finance & Administration Cabinet

WHERE: Juniper Hill Golf Course, Frankfort, Kentucky

WHEN: Friday, August 21, 2015

Morning Session - Play begins at 8:30 a.m. (Shotgun start)

Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session - Play begins at 1:00 p.m. (Shotgun start)

COST: \$50/player (includes prizes, greens fee, cart, and lunch)
Cash/check will be accepted upon registration at the course.

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